



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 143**

February Session, 2012

\* \_\_\_\_\_SB00143AGEAPP030812\_\_\_\_\_ \*

**AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING FOR THE  
ALZHEIMER RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-349e of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2012*):

4 (c) (1) No individual with Alzheimer's disease may participate in the  
5 program if such individual (A) has an annual income of more than  
6 [forty-one] fifty thousand dollars or liquid assets of more than one  
7 hundred nine thousand dollars, or (B) is receiving services under the  
8 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly. On July 1, 2009, and  
9 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase such income and  
10 asset eligibility criteria over that of the previous fiscal year to reflect  
11 the annual cost of living adjustment in Social Security income, if any.

12 (2) No individual with Alzheimer's disease who participates in the  
13 program may receive more than three thousand five hundred dollars  
14 for services under the program in any fiscal year or receive more than  
15 thirty days of out-of-home respite care services other than adult day  
16 care services under the program in any fiscal year, except that the  
17 commissioner shall adopt regulations pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
18 section to provide up to seven thousand five hundred dollars for  
19 services to a participant in the program who demonstrates a need for

20 additional services.

21 (3) The commissioner may require an individual with Alzheimer's  
 22 disease who participates in the program to pay a copayment for respite  
 23 care services under the program, except the commissioner may waive  
 24 such copayment upon demonstration of financial hardship by such  
 25 individual.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) The sum of two million four hundred  
 27 ninety-four thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars is  
 28 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General  
 29 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, for Alzheimer Respite  
 30 Care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	17b-349e(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

**AGE** Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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